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SUBJECT: LEBANESE REQUEST FOR HOWITZERS

REF: BEIRUT 2342; USDAO/BEIRUT 119 AND 124 FEB 75

1. AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AT SENIOR LEVELS,DEPARTMENT HAS DECIDED TO APPROVE ISSUANCE LETTER OF OFFER FOR TWENTY-FOUR M-109 SELF-PROPELLED 155 MM HOWITZERS WITH NORMAL LEAD TIME OF APPROXIMATELY 36 MONTHS.

2. DEFENSE IS COLLECTING DETAILED PRICE AND AVAILABILITY INFORMATION IN ORDER PREPARE LOA AND WILL BE COMMUNICATING WITH DATT THROUGH ITS OWN CHANNELS. WHILE PRICE NOT YET DEFINITE, WE EXPECT IT TO BE CONSIDERABLE INCREASE OVER PREVIOUS. KISSINGER

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